

## Latest Irish News

### Cork.

On the occasion of their golden jubilee in the sacred ministry, the bishop and priests of the diocese of Cork presented Monsignor Shinkwin, parish priest of Bandon, with addresses and two beautiful silver chalices.

The ceremony associated with the presentation was very impressive, and the esteem in which the distinguished jubilarians were held by their bishop and brother priests found expression in unmistakable manner.

The Most Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan presided in the Presbytery of St. Patrick's, where the presentation was made, and the priests of the diocese were very largely represented.

### Clare.

Among the new members received into the Order of Sisters of St. Joseph by Light Rev. Dr. McDonnell at the convent, Broomfield, New York, was Miss Christina Rochford (Sister Mary Lella), of Clontarf. The sixteen novices who made their vows included Miss Lena McKenna (Sister Mary Eunan), Bodilke; Miss Lizzie Rochford (Sister Mary Modwen), Clontarf; and Miss M. Crowe (Sister Mary Edda), Killaloe.

### Cavan.

After a lingering illness, the death recently took place of Rev. Father Owens, adm. Cavan. The deceased, who was a native of Kilmaley, was educated in Maynooth and was ordained in the year 1884 in the Cavan cathedral by the late Most Rev. Dr. McGuinness. Immediately after his ordination he was appointed chaplain to the convent of the Poor Clares, Ballyjamesduff. He afterwards acted for a number of years as curate in Ballinacorney, and subsequently in Cresserough. In November last he was appointed administrator in Cavan. The deceased, who was but 40 years of age, was one of the most popular priests of the diocese of Kilmaley, and his death was generally regretted.

### Carlow.

In the cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow, on Sunday last, the Most Rev. Dr. Foley ordained to priesthood Rev. D. Murphy, of the diocese of Kildare and Leighlin. His lordship was assisted by Rev. L. Brophy, S. T. L., dean of St. Patrick's college, and Rev. J. Kavanagh, Rev. M. F. Fletcher was master of ceremonies. A large congregation was present at the ceremony.

### Donegal.

The Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell has made the following changes in his diocese: Rev. Anthony Gallagher, Gweedore, to Glenfin. Rev. John Cunningham, Doe, to Gweedore. Rev. J. McIntyre to be C. C. Arannmore. Rev. James McShane, Glenties, to Donegal. Rev. Arthur O'Neil, Glenties, to Edinfinagh (Glenties). Rev. Bernardweeney to be C. C. Glenties. Rev. Hugh Boyle to be C. C. Carrigart. Rev. John Cumley, to be C. C. Killymard.

### Louth.

On Wednesday, the 5th instant, in the pretty chapel of the convent of Mercy, Dundalk, the profession of Sister M. Pancha McMahon, daughter of Mr. Patrick McMahon, Armagh, took place. Right Rev. Monsignor Degraeve, P. P. V. G., Drogheda, performed the ceremony. Rev. M. J. Quinn, Dundalk, assisted.

### Meath.

Recent improvements carried out in the upper portion of the Shannon will give easy transit facilities to important districts hitherto seriously handicapped in that respect. Strokesdown will, for instance, be greatly benefited, but the most far-reaching improvement effected is that which opens up communication with the Drogheda coal fields. The Lough Allen canal has been dredged and made passable for large boats, and this canal runs within a few miles of the coal fields.

### Monaghan.

It is now announced that the consecration of Right Rev. Patrick McKenna, D. D., bishop elect of the diocese of Cloyne, will take place on Sunday, Oct. 10, in St. Macartney's cathedral, Monaghan. It could not take place earlier owing to the absence of Cardinal Logue, at present at Salamanca, Spain.

### A Connaught Lament.

I will arise and go hence to the west,  
And dig me a grave where the hill  
winds call.  
But, oh, were I dead, were I dust, the  
fall  
Of my own love's footstep would break  
my rest!

My heart in my bosom is black as a  
slate,  
I heed not cuckoo nor wren nor swal-  
low,  
Like a flying leaf in the sky's blue  
hollow  
The heart in my breast is, that beats so  
low.

Because of the words your lips have  
spoken  
(Oh, dear, black head that I must not  
follow)  
My heart is a grave that is stripped  
and hollow,  
As lies on the water my heart is broken.

O lips forgetful and kindness fickle,  
The swallow goes south with you! I  
go west.  
Where fields are empty and swynes  
at rest.  
I am the poppy, and you are the sickle,  
My heart is broken within my breast.  
—Nora Chesson Hopper.

**Ireland's Consistency in the Faith.**  
At the Irish section of the Eucharistic Congress held recently in Cologne, Father Ambrose Coleman, O. P., read a paper on "Miss in Penal Times in Ireland."

In course of his paper Father Coleman said: "It is a remarkable historical fact that for 200 odd years the Holy Sacrifice of the mass was forbidden by law in Ireland, and it is an equally remarkable fact that during that long period of persecution the Holy Sacrifice never ceased to be offered up in every part of the land. No other country in the world can point to such a glorious record. In other countries, it is true, penal legislation against the mass existed for an equally long period, but with the important difference that in some of them, such as Norway and Sweden, the faith was completely stamped out of the people after two or three generations, and in others, such as England, only a remnant of the people remained Catholic to the end; whereas the Irish people were just as Catholic to the end of the period as they were at the beginning, patiently bearing all the disabilities incurred by reason of their religion, a nation enslaved at the hands of a handful of bigoted Protestants, who possessed all power, influence and wealth. In 1871, when the penal code first began to be relaxed, the whole population of Ireland, then estimated at two and three-quarter millions, was Catholic, with the exception of Eng-

lish, and Scotch, and Continental Protestant settlers; while in England, at the same date, out of a population of six millions, there were only about sixty thousand Catholics, some thousands of whom were Irish immigrants. England for the two centuries previous had been a Protestant nation; Ireland had remained as it remains to the present day, a nation of Catholics.

### Learning Too Late.

We hear much about the folly of American girls of wealth marrying too late, and about the regrettable number who have entered into such marriages have lived to bitterly regret it. There are a few exceptions, but the general rule is that the European duke or lord seeking an alliance with American wealth is a good person to keep away from.

But we do not think that the case is better with these who marry the young sons of American wealth. The family troubles of some member of the Gould or the Vanderbilt families are aired in the courts every three months. There was Howard Gould and his actress wife; then his brother, Frank Gould, got a divorce from his wife, nee Miss Kelly, who gave up her religion to marry him. Now comes the marital troubles of a young Vanderbilt, who married a Catholic, Virginia Fair. She did not give up her religion to get a rich husband, but she sacrificed her life's happiness. When the conduct of the young scapegrace became so notorious that she could no longer live with him, she applied for a legal separation with separate maintenance. He wanted an absolute divorce and he gave her every legal cause in the catalogue for seeking one. We are glad that she had spirit enough to refuse to set him free. She, as a Catholic, was bound what the courts might say. She did well to insist that he should be bound as well, as he was the culpable party.

She would have done better to have been all this before marriage. She was entering a contract that was one-sided as far as obligations went. She was a Catholic girl who gave her whole life to the man she married. He was a man who had no religion and never regarded marriage seriously. Yet there are many others just as foolish as Virginia Fair. They rush into mixed marriages without considering the probable outcome. And it is generally useless to warn them of the dangers ahead. They will learn only by bitter experience. A shattered life is their lesson: when they learn it is then too late to profit by the lesson.

### October.

Down the bleached hills the pond October came,  
Her scarlet cloak trailed 'round her as she trod.  
Before her swayed far fields of golden-rod,  
Behind her burned the sunset's lurid flood.

Soft was her step and yet the rushes heard,  
Whispering more closely by the fountain pool.  
The lilies slept and from the garden cool  
Rose the sweet sorrow of my mocking bird.

And lo! My red rose of the fragrant heart,  
That o'er her lattice sweetened all my June,  
Grew tremulous beneath so pale a moon,  
And one by one her petals fell apart.

October came with gifts and garnered store  
Of ripened garden and of golden field.  
Orchard and hedge and plench-ed vine row yield  
Broad, creaking baskets heaped and running o'er.

Well may my neighbors think no scorn of me  
So nobly hath mine Autumn done her part.  
Yet ah! My red rose of the fragrant heart  
I would give all this fruitage back for thee!

—Margaret Houston in Ainslie's for October.

### The Need of the Press.

The exhortations of Pope Leo XIII on the subject of Catholic newspapers have been collected in a pamphlet of 40 pages ("Leo X et la Presse") and published by the Bonne Presse of Paris. The following are a couple of brief extracts:

"With no less insistence we renew our advice that you should labor with as much zeal as prudence for the publication and diffusion of Catholic newspapers. For in these days people form their opinions and regulate their lives entirely by their reading of newspapers." (Letter to the Bishops of Brazil, 1888.)

"Among the means best adapted to the defense of religion there is none, in our opinion, more efficacious and more suited to the present time than that which consists in meeting the press by the press, and thus frustrating the schemes of the enemies of religion." (Letter to the Bishop of Vienna, 1887.)

"The saying of the same Pontiff that a Catholic newspaper in a parish is a personal mission is well known. And his successor is no less emphatic in his exhortations to support the Catholic press. It will be remembered how he once took the stylus out of the hand of a Catholic journalist kneeling at his feet and blessed it with these words:

"There is no nobler mission in the world today than that of a journalist. I bless the symbol of your office. My predecessors used to consecrate the sword and armor of Christian warriors. I am happy to draw down blessings on the pen of a Christian journalist."

Nor need we repeat the Holy Father's words uttered recently and often quoted in which he pointed out that the building of churches, the preaching of missions and the foundation of schools would be a vain task unless supplemented by a sound Catholic press.

If we turn from the Pope to the bishops we find them urging the same point. Cardinal Pie writes as follows: "The most religious people in the world, the most submissive to authority, if they only read bad newspapers will at the end of 20 years become a nation of unbelievers and rebels. Humanly speaking, no preaching can hold its own against a corrupt press." Cardinal Laboure is even more emphatic. "The hour for building churches and doing good is past. There is only one matter which is urgent and that is to cover the country with papers that shall teach it the truth once again."

Cardinal Lavergne has the same message: found or support a newspaper destined to enlighten and reclaim men's minds is, in a sense, as necessary and as meritorious as the building of a church.

The Bishop of Dijon says that the support of the press is more important even than that of the schools. The bishop of Blois says that it is a form of apostasy which is imperiously demanded at the present day. The bishop of Verdun says that the Pope does not merely recommend Catholics to support the Catholic press, but orders them to do so. The bishops of Sicily,

at a synod, subscribed 25,000 francs towards the Catholic press.

If we turn from the ecclesiasts to leading Catholic laymen, we find the same insistence on the need of supporting the press. Listen, for instance, to the words of Windthorst: "Foolish people! Men close their schools and they are content to build others. Men demolish their works and they create new ones, without dreaming of arresting the arm which is more ready to destroy than they can be to build up again. Why do they not employ their money rather in providing themselves with a powerful press that would capture public opinion for them and by means of it power and all that they have lost?"—N. Y. Freeman's Journal.

### Catholic Notes.

Count Holstein-Ledeborg, the new Premier of Denmark, is the first Catholic prime minister since the Reformation. Although he is past the age of 70, he is looked on as the broadest-minded statesman in this country.

The magnificent memorial church being erected in Birmingham, England, through the generous contributions of worldwide admirers of the late John Henry Newman, is nearing completion. It has been built outside the Old Oratory, so dear to the heart of the late cardinal.

The 106 Catholic elementary schools of Greater New York were opened on Monday. This is an increase of nine schools over last year. The total registration in 1908 was 109,500. It is expected that this year about 120,000 children will be accommodated in the Catholic schools.

Rev. Vincent Schell, the celebrated French Dominican, has devoted his life to the unveiling of long past and forgotten civilizations. Largely owing to his efforts and to that of other Catholic scholars much light has been shed on the historical passages of the Old Testament.

On Saturday morning, April 7, during the progress of the Eucharistic congress in Cologne, Bishop Lyster of Aachen, pontificated in St. Martin's, a church built by the Irish in the seventh century, and still called the "Irish church."

For the purpose of colonizing a large Minnesota farming district with desirable persons and establishing Catholic schools and churches, Bishop James McGoldrick of Duluth has closed a deal by which he will control the settlement of 10,000 acres of land in Hubbard and Decker counties, Minn.

Rev. Father Jan, O. M. I., on account of ill health has been transferred from Calgary to Strathcona. The apostolic priest displayed wonderful energy in the missionary field and it is of necessity that he should be given a parish where his work would not be so strenuous. He takes with him to his new field the very best wishes of all classes in Calgary.

During the past summer two Catholic bishops of Australasia, Right Rev. Dr. Doyle of Lismore and Right Rev. Dr. Murray of Maitland, N. S. W., passed through the city that separates time from eternity. When Bishop Doyle of Lismore passed out he stood possessed of three shillings; when the Bishop of Maitland (Dr. Murray) went over to the vast majority he had not even one shilling to his name.

In Cork the other day Right Rev. Charles J. O'Reilly, D. D., bishop of Cork City, Ore., conducted the interesting ceremony of the consecration of three altars in the new Mother Memorial church of the Holy Trinity. The ceremony had not been performed in Cork for nearly twenty-five years, and consequently was followed with very great interest by a large congregation. A touching incident in connection with the dedication of the Celtic cross on Grosse Isle, in memory of the Irish victims of the ship fever of 1847, was the presence on the platform of Mrs. Robert of Quebec, whose maiden name was Mary Cox. She was a daughter of one of the fever victims, was adopted by a French Canadian family and although of purely Irish parentage cannot speak a word of English. Her two daughters accompanied her to the celebration.

Lord Stafford, the eleventh Baron of the title, possesses at Costessey Hall, near Norwich, a private chapel of which the centenary has been celebrated by a pontifical high mass. The Jeringshams have always remained in the Catholic faith, this fidelity being rewarded by Queen Mary with the gift of Costessey Hall and Manor, which from that time until now have held by a member of the family. The present domestic chapel has accommodation for 180 persons, and its painted windows are very fine, the oldest portion of the glass going back to the twelfth century.

### "Help Thou My Unbelief."

Lord, I believe, for oft my wondering eyes  
In life's strange scene have seen heaven's good arise,  
Where evil erst and evil sore had been,  
And men forgetting Thee, had sunk in sin.

Lord, I believe, for I have known Thee near  
When all my heart was filled with pain and fear,  
Thy very Presence, Mighty Lord, I know,  
Thou on Thy needy children dost bestow.

Lord, I believe, not yet as faint I would;  
Dimly Thy dealings have I understood;  
Thy word and message yet to me have brought  
Only a shadow of Thy wondrous Thought.

Fain would I follow on to know Thee, Lord,  
Fain learn the meaning of Thine every Word.  
Truth would I know, the truth that dwells in Thee,  
Setting the honest heart from doubting free.

Lord, I believe, Oh fan this trembling spark,  
Lest all my hope be lost in endless dark,  
And where I yet believe not, lead Thou me,  
And help my unbelief, which seeks for Thee!

Elizabeth French.

### Pope Never Forgot of Elliot.

(From "Rome.")

Even many of the Catholic papers of America have published a silly telegram from Rome announcing that "the Pope is preparing a reply to Dr. Elliot's exposition of the Religion of the Future," and that it is to be published in the *Vivita Cattolica*, etc. The story reminds one of the repeated paragraphs which used to appear in the liberal papers of Italy last year concerning the "differences," the "controversy," the "negotiations" between the Holy Father and a little ecclesiastic in Italy who was going to the dogs at the time, and has since gone to them. No doubt Dr. Elliot's name makes something of an echo in the United States, but you could hardly catch it with the most powerful megaphone anywhere else, and there does not seem to be the slightest reason why the Brand of the Civita Cattolica to say nothing at all of the Head of the Universal Church, should begin to batter down a brown butterfly with his sledgehammer.

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